

**LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES
BOARD MEETING
March 9, 2020**

The regular monthly meeting of the Lower Platte North NRD Board of Directors was called to order at 1:30 p.m. at the Lower Platte North NRD Office, Wahoo, NE on Monday, March 9, 2020.

1. NOTICE OF MEETING

The advanced notice of our March 9, 2020 board meeting was published on February 20, 2020 in the Banner Press, Columbus Telegram, Fremont Tribune, Schuyler Sun and Wahoo Newspaper.

Chair Ruzicka informed those present that a copy of the "Open Meeting Act" is posted for public viewing.

Pledge of Allegiance

2. ROLL CALL - INTRODUCTIONS

DIRECTORS PRESENT AND CONSTITUTING A QUORUM:

Bailey	Birkel	Feala
Hannah	Hilger	Johnson
Kavan	Meyer	Olson
Pollard	Saalfeld	Sabatka
Saeger	Seier	Thompson
Veskerna	Yosten	Ruzicka

DIRECTORS ABSENT

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STAFF AND GUESTS:

Gottschalk	Breunig	Mountford
Andersen	Sabatka	Schomer
Heimann	Elliott	Oaklund

Sign in sheet attached to minutes

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. COMMENTS - ADVISORS/GUESTS/DIRECTORS

a. Guest Comments

b. NRCS Report

Jami Thoene reviewed the NRCS written report.

c. NARD Report

Bob Hilger gave the NARD Report.

d. NRC Report

e. Manager Report

Gottschalk reviewed is written report.

f. Education Program

Tim Gokie, Head of Dam Safety with Nebraska Department of Natural Resources was present to update the Board on Cottonwood 21-A and dam maintenance issues.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Thompson made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve the minutes from the February 10, 2020 Board Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

6. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Off Site Water Table Concerns Near Sand Creek – None

2. Meetings

a. Pending

1. Wanhoo Stilling Basin Meeting with FYRA - Update Give

2. NeRPA – Midwest Conference

Thompson made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to send up to two staff to the Nebraska 2020 Parks and Recreation Midwest Conference, April 26-28 in Fort Collins, Colorado. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Reports – None

3. Management Items

a. Director Absences

Thompson made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve Director Johnson’s excuse of absence from the January Board Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Monthly Education Program – Update Give

c. Election Certification– Update Given

d. Sale of Sand Creek Dam Site \$15 – Update Given

e. Office Security and Access

Feala made the motion, seconded by Seier, to approve Diode Technologies bid of \$6,103.15 for installation of keyless access system and camera surveillance system in and around the LPNDRD Office. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

f. District Dams and Potential Future Costs – Update Given

g. Fremont, Dodge County and Fremont Rod and Gun Club Meeting – Update Given

4. Equipment - None

5. Personnel – None

6. Finance

a. Approval of Financial Reports

Thompson made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve the January Financial Reports as presented. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Approval of Managers Expenses

Thompson made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve Manager Gottschalk's time and expense sheets as attached to the Executive Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. Accounts Receivable and Payable – Update Given

Thompson made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, that the March LPNNRD Executive Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

B. OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

2. WILD NE AND OTHER PROGRAMS - None

3. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE & OTHER ITEMS

a. Clear Creek Levee Repairs by Corps of Engineers – Update Given

b. Rawhide Ditch 8 Repair

Olson made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve the bid of \$190,300 from Husker Engineering, Burwell, NE for work repair work on Rawhide Ditch #8. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Saeger, to approve JEO's Amendment No. 1 Scope of Work on Rawhide Ditch #8 Emergency repair for \$5,990. Motion carried.

AYE: Bailey, Birkel, Feala, Hannah, Hilger, Johnson, Kavan, Meyer, Olson, Saeger, Seier, Thompson, Veskerna, Yosten, Ruzicka

NAY: Pollard, Saalfeld, Sabatka

c. Wanahoo Dam Stilling Basin (FEMA)

Johnson made the motion, seconded by Veskerna, to hire FYRA Engineering to proceed with their plan to repair Wanahoo Stilling Basin and authorize Chair to Sign Agreement totaling \$73,021 – Project Management - \$9,601; Engineering - \$41,928; Permitting - \$12,064; Bidding - \$9,428. Motion carried.

AYE: Bailey, Birkel, Feala, Hannah, Hilger, Johnson, Kavan, Olson, Pollard, Saalfeld, Sabatka, Saeger, Seier, Thompson, Veskerna, Yosten, Ruzicka

ABSTAIN: Meyer

d. Clear Creek Drainage District – Ditch #1 – Update Given

e. District Park Regulations

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Feala, to strike the sentence "The District has the right to deny permission based on the condition and safety of the ice," under the Ice Fishing with Motorized Vehicle regulation, and approve the District's Park Regulations as a whole, as amended. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

f. Landowner Request at Dam Cottonwood 22-A – Update Given

g. Fremont/Dodge County/Fremont Rod and Gun Club Repair – Update Given

h. Hay Recreation Area Lands – Update Given

4. ROCK AND JETTY

Thompson made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve 50% cost-share or \$3,471.50 to Kay Poppe on her repair of a Skull Creek levee breach, Saunders County pending staff inspection. Motion carried on consent agenda.

5. LAKE WANAHOO

a. Lake Wanahoo Permit Sales – Update Given

b. Lake Wanahoo Camping Revenue – Update Given

c. Lake Wanahoo Primitive Cabins

Seier made the motion, seconded by Johnson, to purchase 6 cabins from Wright Shed Company at a cost of \$5,125 per cabin. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

Pollard made the motion, seconded by Feala, to contract with Butler County Public Power District to provide a service line to the six Lake Wanahoo cabins at a cost of \$10,000. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

6. INFORMATION & EDUCATION

a. Information

1. Radio and eAds – Update Given

2. Viaduct – Update Given

3. Analytics – Update Given

4. Pheasant Forever Donation Request

Hannah made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to make a \$250 sponsorship donation to the Pheasant Forever Lower Platte Chapter toward their annual banquet. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

b. Education

1. February Education Programs – Update Given

2. National Envirothon Volunteers – Update Given

7. RURAL WATER SYSTEMS

a. Colon – Update Given

b. Bruno – Update Given

c. Other – None

Thompson made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, that the March LPNNRD Operations Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

C. WATER COMMITTEE REPORT

1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - NONE

2. REGULATORY

a. GROUNDWATER MANGEMENT AREA

1. Variance Requests Acre Expansion with Allocations

Pollard made the motion, seconded by Feala, to approve Richard Brock (NW¼-NW¼-S33-T19N-R1W Platte County) and Dayle Alswager (E½-NW¼-S8-T18N-R1W Platte County) variance request within the SQS#2 area with the understanding that if the LPNNRD sets a different allocation, their allocation will decrease the appropriate amount as reported on the original certified acres on file as of March 10, 2020. Motion carried.

AYE: Bailey, Birkel, Feala, Hilger, Johnson, Kavan, Meyer, Olson, Pollard, Saalfeld, Sabatka, Saeger, Seier, Thompson, Veskerna, Yosten, Ruzicka

ABSTAIN: Hannah

2. Well Permit Program – Update Given

a. Well Permits Approve – Update Given

3. Public Water Supply Well Permit

Thompson made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve LWS well permit pending documentation on a recently ran model per Class 4 well permit requirement. Motion carried on consent agenda.

4. Special Quantity Subareas – Update Given

5. Cost Share Programs

a. Acre Addition

Kavan made the motion, seconded by Feala, to grant Nat Oelrich an expanding acre variance with a 3-year prorated 27-acre inch allocation on NW¼-16-17N-2E for additional 10.44 acres. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

6. Lower Platte River Basin Water Management Plan Coalition (LPRBC) - Update Given

7. LPNNRD Operator Certification – Update Given

a. Nutrient Management – Update Given

8. Voluntary Integrated Water Management Plan – LPNNRD - Update Given

3. GROUND WATER PROGRAM

a. Decommissioned Well Program

1. Well Estimates – Update Given

2. Plugged Wells – None

b. Lower Platte North NRD Ground Water Studies

1. Eastern Nebraska Water Resources Assessment (ENWRA) – Update Given

2. Lower Platte River Consortium

Thompson made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve the additional amount of \$1,240 for the table-top exercise for the projects identified in the drought plan. Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. Phoenix Web Group

Thompson made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to authorize Chairman Ruzicka to sign a \$2,500 contract with Phoenix Webgroup for the Silver Plan Support. Motion carried on consent agenda.

d. Groundwater Quality Sampling – Update Given

e. Water Flow Meters – Update Given

f. Flow Meter Approved List – Update Given

4. OTHER

a. Comments from the Public – Update Given

Thompson made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, that the March LPNNRD Water Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

D. PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT

1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – NONE

2. SWCP

a. SWCP Application Approvals

Thompson made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve listed summer SWCP applications: 20-C-1 Louis Lutjulusche \$12,123 and 20-S-1 Elaine Kaspar \$8,037 for a total of \$20,160 – SWCP FY21 allocation. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

b. SWCP Payments - None

c. SWCP Cancellations – None

d. Wahoo Creek Cost-Share Payment Approvals - None

3. WATERSHEDS

a. Shell Creek Watershed

1. Shell Creek Environmental Enhancement Plan Implementation – Update Given

2. Shell Creek Grant Funding Update – Update Given

3. UP Railroad Bridge Replacement/Channel Improvement Project – Update Given

b. Wahoo Creek Watershed

1. Wahoo Creek Dam Site Planning Update FYRA Invoices – Update Given

Saeger made the motion, seconded by Bailey, that the priority ranking of the of the lower eight Wahoo Creek flood reduction structures are as follows: Site 77; Site 84; Site 55; Site 66; Site 85; Site 82; Site 86; and Site 83. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to move forward and submit an application to NRCS for WFPO funding for Wahoo Creek Site #77 and Site #84. Motion carried.

AYE: Bailey, Feala, Hannah, Hilger, Johnson, Kavan, Meyer, Olson, Pollard, Saalfeld, Saeger, Seier, Veskerna, Yosten

NAY: Birkel, Sabatka, Thompson, Ruzicka

2. Olsson Design Update and Invoice – Update Given

3. Wahoo Creek Watershed Water Quality Plan Phase II – Update Given

c. Lands for Conservation Applications

Thompson made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve the seven listed applications under the LPNNRD’s Lands for Conservation program guidelines. Motion carried on consent agenda.

d. Chvatal Dam – Update Given

4. JOINT WATER MANAGEMENT ADVISORY BOARD – Update Given

a. Fremont/Dodge County/Fremont Rod and Gun Club Repair

Birkel made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve an additional \$11,077.25 of financial support to assist the City of Fremont, Dodge County and the Fremont Rod and Gun Club in repairing the final portion of the breach in the levee located on the Fremont Rod and Gun Club’s property. Motion carried.

AYE: Bailey, Birkel, Feala, Hannah, Hilger, Johnson, Kavan, Olson, Pollard, Saalfeld, Sabatka, Seier, Thompson, Veskerna, Yosten, Ruzicka

ABSTAIN: Meyer, Saeger

5. HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE – Update Given

6. EROSION AND SEDIMENT RULES AND REGULATION - none

7. OTHER

a. Village of Linwood Assistance Request – Update Given

b. Dodge County HMPG Property Buyout form 2019 Floods – Update Given

c. LPNNRD/NRCS Local Work Group Meeting – Update Given

Thompson made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, that the March LPNNRD Projects Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

7. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

a. Wahoo Creek NRCS Applications – Item Taken Earlier

b. Wanahoo Stilling Basin Repair – Final Design – Item Taken Earlier

c. Shell Creek Water Equipment – School Assistance

Birkel made the motion, seconded by Hannah, to approve working with Newman Grove, Schuyler and Lake

View schools to help them obtain water testing equipment for Shell Creek and provide assistance up to the \$15,000 cost. Motion carried all member present voting aye.

8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED

Olson made the motion, seconded by Bailey, that all bills be approved, and warrants be drawn in payment of the same. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

9. CONSENT AGENDA ADOPTION

Thompson made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve the March Consent Agenda. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS

11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT

The April Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, April 13, 2020, 6:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

Discussion on all agenda items that have "Update Given" can be found in corresponding Committee Minutes.

The undersigned, the duly elected and acting Secretary of the Lower Platte North Natural Resources District (the "District"), hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors of the District held on March 9, 2020, that all of the matters and subjects discussed at the meeting were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and readily available for public inspection at the principal office of the District during normal business hours, and except for items of emergency nature, the agenda was not altered later than twenty-four (24) hours before the scheduled commencement of the meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by members of the public; that the above minutes were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days or prior to the next convened meeting, whichever occurred earlier; and, that reasonable efforts were made to provide all news media requesting notification of the meeting and of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting.

Larry Feala, Secretary